

**QUARTERLY ISSUES LIST
THIRD QUARTER 2000**

ISSUE	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	TIME	DATE	DURATION
Employment, Jobs, Under , Employment & Business	Centre County Biz in "Top 10"	Ten Pennsylvania employers have been presented with the 2000 Governor's Export Excellence Awards, including a biotech company located in Centre County. In making The presentations at a ceremony In Philadelphia last evening, Community and Economic Development secretary Sam McCullough said the export Leaders are expanding the Borders of Pennsylvania business. The award ceremony marked the Beginning of Pennsylvania International Week. According To the Massachusetts Institute For social and Economic Research, Total exports for Pennsylvania Have increased 33 percent from 1994 To 1999, to 21 (b) billion dollars. Among the winners is the Drucker Company, Centre County, manufacturer Of state-of-the-art lab centrifuges used In research labs and universities for Blood separation and testing.	6pm	9/13/00	1:00
	ATV'S	Firefighters who hike to remote wooded areas hauling t50 pounds of gear may arrive too tired to effectively fight the blaze, the Chief of a Westmoreland County Volunteer fire department said. An Indiana County paramedic says there is a better way. Jack Edmundson of Blairsville wants To create a volunteer unit of all-Terrain vehicle drivers to get Paramedics and firefighters where They need to be with energy to spare. "It's got to look professional and act professional," Edmundson said. "We want people who can respond and wait until they are told	6:00pm	9/12/00	1:00

what to do.” Westmoreland County has a rescue team that specializes in using rope to rescue people on high ground or in caves. The state also has a Harrisburg-based urban search and-rescue unit. Andy Staschak, chief of the Easter Derry Township Volunteer Fire Department, about 37 miles east of Pittsburgh, Said such an ATV unit could be invaluable Both for fighting fire and with searches and Rescues in remote areas.

Consumer Pride/ Quality of Life Round One In Santorum Klink Battle	<p>US Senator Rick Santorum And US Representative Ron Klink squared off this morning In their first official debate in Their race for the Senate. The American Associate of Retired People hosted the event at the Fox Chapel Yacht Club in Allegheny County. More than a Hundred older and retired people Came to the debate to hear the Candidates. Those who attended Say the cost of prescription drugs, The future of Social Security and The state of Medicare are top issues For this race. Santorum, a Republican From Penn Hills, says his accomplishments In areas such as welfare and elderly housing Should earn him a second term. Klink, a Democrat from Murrysville, says his Opponent has consistently voted against the Elderly.</p>	6pm	9/01/00	1:20
Anti-Gun Group Critical Of Pa	<p>An annual report card issued by a national gun control group gives Pennsylvania poor marks for its effort To protect children from guns. Pennsylvania received a grade D plus from the group, Handgun Control, which is chaired by Sarah Brady. Sarah Brady is the wife of Former White House press secretary James Brady, who was wounded and Paralyzed in the nineteen-eighty-one Assassination attempt on President Reagan. Pennsylvania earned the Poor grade in part because it passed</p>	6pm	8/30/00	1:00

Legislation preventing the state from
Suing manufacturers. The state also
Lacks a law holding adult gun owners
Responsible for crimes committed by
Children with the adults' guns.

Altoona Hospital
Workers Begin
Strike

Three days after authorizing a strike
vote some workers at Altoona Hospital
walked off the job. About 750 members
Members of local 3156 of the American
Federation of State, County and
Municipal employees, who have been
Working without a contract since the
End of June, began striking at 12:01
a.m. Monday. The union represents
licensed practical nurses, nursing aides,
and housekeeping, dietary, security,
technical and maintenance workers.
Hospital spokesman Rick Reeves
Said there were "more than a few"
Pickets. The hospital claimed that
An unnamed mediator canceled a
Bargaining session scheduled for
In the day. Union president Ernie
Kaufman disagreed, saying he was
"waiting on (the hospital)." "I've offered
through the media to talk with them,"
he said. On Thursday, union workers
voted to strike by a nearly three-to-one
margin, 441-152

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Big Bucks
Spent In Lobby
Effort

Lobbyists spent \$44 million in
in Harrisburg on salaries,
office space, mailings,
Advertisements, receptions,
Meals and gifts, among other
Things, according to the first
Four quarterly reports filed
Under the year-old lobbying
Disclosure Act. The State Ethics
Commission reports tracked
Expenses between Aug. 1, 1999,
And June 30. The law
Authorizing the disclosures is
Currently the subject of a court
Battle. Lobbyists are required
To report how much they spent
On gifts of more than \$250 and on
Transportation, lodging and
Hospitality of more than \$650.

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The telecommunications industry,
On opposite sides of a two-year-old
Local telephone competition war,
Spent the most on lobbying in the
State capital, Verizon Pennsylvania,
Formerly known as Bell Atlantic
Inc., reported expenditures of nearly
\$3.5 million. AT&T reported spending
nearly \$1.9 million.

Verizon Strike Continues in Region

Verizon Communications and unions 5:30pm 8/21/00 :45
representing 50,000 telephone
Workers reached a tentative agreement
On a three-year contract, returning a
Majority of striking employees to their
Jobs Monday after a two-week walkout.
But without pact covering one other
Bargaining unit of mid-Atlantic workers,
Picket lines could remain up in
Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware,
Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and
The District of Columbia. A picketer
Outside Verizon offices in Altoona
Says the strike is still on in West-Central
Pennsylvania and that workers will remain
On the picket lines.

Gallitzin Invests In Safe Water

A borough in Cambria County has 5:30 8/21/00 :45
has invested in technology it hopes
Will show it has some of the safest
Drinking water in the region and the
Nation. Gallitzin borough has spent
Four thousand dollars on computers
And monitors and has joined the
Partnership for Safe Water, a
National organization based in Denver
That monitors water purity. Federal
Standards under the Safe Water Drinking
Act requires minimum 95 percent
Filtration for water systems across
The country. Gallitzin is hoping the
The monitors will show water that is
99 percent pure. Gallitzin joins
Conemaugh township, Somerset
County as the only municipalities
In the region to join the partnership.

Sales at AG-

In Centre County, it's AG-Progress 6pm 8/15/00 1:20

Progress Days
Event

days once again. The event represents the largest outdoor farm and Agricultural exhibition in the North Eastern part of the country. In all, More than five hundred acres of Exhibits, demonstrations, and farm Products are displayed for thousands Of folks to check out. It was Back in 1951 when Penn State first Held what they called grassland Field days. At that time, it just Focused on grass crop production Now almost fifty years later, it's Grown into AG-Progress Days The three day event here at Rock Springs will draw close to 80- Thousand visitors, and participants Continue to make changes. In fact, One is having a big impact on the Vendors here. For years the Exhibitors couldn't make direct Sales. They could take orders From customers, but that was it This year, vendors and customers Can now make cash transactions. With the new policy, AG Progress Days is simply more than a series of Exhibits, plus the vendors can more Easily recoup some of the money They spend to come there. the AG-Progress days will go on Throughout this week.

Steel Mill
Closing Down

A Johnstown Steel Mill has produced the last of It's product. In may, we First told you about the Planned closure of republic Technologies international's Plant. Now it's less than Two weeks away. This Morning, we talked with the Local steelworkers president Who tells us this may be the End for republic, but maybe not for the workers Republic's owners bought the In 1994 from Bethlehem Steel. Since the, more than 230 workers Have produced steel bars used

6pm 8/15/00 1:30

In cars, heavy equipment and other Products . Earlier this year, the Company decided the Johnstown Facility didn't fit into it's business Plan, s they're closing and moving Production to another plant in Lorian Ohio. Republic's owners Made hefty improvements on the Site formerly owned by Bethlehem Steel Plant, adding new, more Efficient equipment like a continuous Caster. That took them through six years, but it's no longer enough. Some employees are still on the Job until next Friday. They're doing Maintenance work, moving inventory, And guarding the plan

Retired Business-
Man called back to
Work

A retired Johnstown Businessman says 6pm 8/14/00 :45
he'll spend the next year promoting
the city's new convention center. Ed
Kane says he's being paid five thousand
Dollars to get Cambria county and the
Surrounding areas excited about
Johnstown's new entertainment district.
Kane was hired by a committee that
Oversees the development of the center.
He says this is what the area needs, and
He tells us he as a lot of ideas. He's
Now in the process of putting his
Proposal together for city leaders to
Review.

PA Gas Prices
Remain High

Tuesday's average price for unleaded 5:30 8/0200 :45
gasoline in Pennsylvania was \$1.55 a
Gallon, according to American
Automobile Association figures. But
Depending on what region you're in,
The average price can range from as
Low as one dollar 39 cents to as high
As \$1.66 cents. It all, reportedly,
Depends on local competition and
Sales volume. Triple-A says
Berks County has the lowest prices
In Pennsylvania due in part to the
Arrival of Sheetz, and Altoona
Based convenience store chain
That features rock-bottom gas prices

Johnstown Council Puts Heat On Manager	Johnstown City Manger Karl Kilduff 5:30pm has the authority to fire embattled Police Chief Robert Huntley. Kilduff, However, may find that city council wants To replace him. Deputy Mayor Martha Banda has circulated a petition among Council members and has arranged for Special meeting Thursday to discuss what Kilduff has done to correct deficiencies In the police department. The problems Were outlined in a consultant's report In 1998, one that many council members Now reject as flawed. Council also Wants to know what Kilduff has done Since a scathing report released by the Police Executive Research Forum In Washington, D.C., eight days ago Called the department under Huntley Dysfunctional and "emotionally Unstable."	8/02/00	1:15
Labor Practices Under fire	Still no word on the fate of a contractor 6pm accused of unsafe labor practices New York State Contractor Ciminelli Services was hired to clean hazardous Waste from the F.E. Cooper Lumber Site in broad top township. Project Managers from a Bedford inspection Firm. The Ciminelli Corporation presented A schedule of plans to the state department Of environmental protection Friday Afternoon. The Ciminelli contract is Scheduled to end this Monday if it's No renewed.	7/21/00	1:00
Altoona Hospital Workers Authorize Strike	Workers at a west-central Pennsylvania 6pm hospital voted to reject a contract proposal, and union leader said he Results will be used for leverage in Contract talks. About 450 of 615 Voting members of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees also voted Wednesday to Authorize a strike at Altoona Hospital. No Strike date was set. The union represents About 750 licensed practical nurses, nurses' Aides, kitchen workers, janitors, clerks, Mechanics, technicians and others at the Hospital. Union leaders agreed to give 10-day notice of any strike. They and	7/20/00	1:15

hospital management have agreed to resume contract talks July 27, according to spokesmen for both sides. The vote gave the union leverage to restart talks, said Ernie Kauffman, the president of the union local at the hospital. "Their willingness to come back to the table places everything in a new light," said Sandra Ocker, chairman of a union Negotiating team. The hospital offered Raises of 2.25, 2 and 2 percent in a three-Year contract. Altoona Hospital said in June that it was losing money for the first time in 25 years.

Altoona
Hospital
Workers Take
Strike Vote

750 unionized employees of the Altoona 6pm 7/19/00 :45
Hospital vote today on whether to strike. The move comes after Altoona Hospital Officials say they made their best contract Offer. Hospital officials have begun Interviewing possible replacements for Workers, if the strike is approved. Altoona Hospital officials predict A large budget shortfall as hospitals All across the State struggle with Reduced amounts of Federal Assistance.

State To Give
Computers a
Break

Looking for a new computer? You 5:30pm 7/19/00 1:20
might want to buy one in about three weeks. August 6th through the 13th is Pennsylvania's first "Sales Tax Holiday" on personal computers. State legislators established the tax-Free holiday in hopes that more Pennsylvanians would purchase Computers, without the added Expense of the sales tax. State Residents won't have to pay sales Tax on computers bought at retail Stores, through the mail, or over The Internet, provided the P-C is for Non business use and hardware And software are purchased in the Same transaction. Upgrades or Replacement parts are not eligible. If you don't have yet have enough Money saved up, get cracking. There will be a second P-C tax-

Free holiday February 18th
Through the 25th in 2001.

Altoona Hospital
Faces Strike

A strike could be in the works
at a major hospital in our area
Union representatives from
the American Federation of
State, County and municipal
Employees urge members at
Altoona hospital to walk off
The job. Both hospital executives
And union leaders are still
Negotiating over the terms of
A contract, but union members
Say they're not happy with the
Deal and could strike soon.
Altoona hospital is also preparing
For the worst spokesperson Rick
Reeves says the hospital is accepting
Applications to fill those positions
Last month Altoona hospital laid
Off a handful of workers. on
Thursday, talks between union
Leaders and the administration
Broke down. Now the union
Encourages it's 750 workers to
Reject the hospital's offer and
Strike. The union represents
License practical nurses, nurses
Aids, lab technicians, clerical
And maintenance workers.
Hospital officials remain
Positive and say they are
Talking to union representatives
And hope an agreement is
Reached. The hospital faces
A 4.6 million dollar deficit
For next year's fiscal budget
And has lost revenue because
Of recent medicare cuts. We
Spoke with Barry Pearce from
The union. He says both sides
Agree to disagree on terms of
The contract, but he would not
Go into details of what the sticking
Points are exactly. Union workers
Are expected to vote on July 19th
On whether they will accept or
The hospital's offer.

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WJAC-TV sold To Cox Communications	To paraphrase a line from the Pogo comic strip: "We have seen the news and it is us." Sunrise Television announced Friday It plans to sell WJAC-TV to Cox Communications along with co-Owned WTOV-TV 9 in Steubenville, Ohio. The proposed Deal is subject to approval by both The U.S. Justice Department and The Federal Communications Commission. WJAC President And General Manager Marty Ostrow says it is "premature" To say what impact the planned Sale will have on employment And programming at the station Cox is a diversified media company With holdings in radio, cable, Newspaper, internet and TV companies Including WPXI-TV 11 in Pittsburgh.	5:30pm	7/07/00	:45
Governors Gather In Centre County	Most of the nation's Governors are expected to begin arriving Tonight for Saturday's start Of the summer meeting of the National Governors Association. State police and State College Police have beefed up security Throughout State College for the Meetings which run through Tuesday Morning. The meetings are expected To be a showcase for the Vice Presidential hopes of Republican Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge, who is the host Governor. Among those scheduled to address The Governors are president Clinton, Former Army General Colin Powell and Alan Greenspan, Chairman Of the Federal Reserve Board. Watch Newscenter 6 for continuing Team coverage of the Governors Meeting in state College. In Washington, D.C., eight days ago	5:30pm	7/07/00	1:00
Crime Dad Charged in Brutal Attack On Son	An Indiana County man is charged with sexually assaulting his sleeping son and then stabbing him in the head in late July.	6pm	9/2200	45

Forty-three-old William Shane Stein Of Blairsville is charged with attempted Homicide aggravated assault, including Involuntary deviant sexual intercourse, Indecent assault and child endangerment. He a boy was attacked as he slept in his Family house. Jim Ecker—Stein's Attorney—says Stein denies the charges. Stein was ordered held on two-and -a Half (m) million dollars bond. His Preliminary hearing was scheduled for September 29th. Stein has told police That an intruder attacked the boy. The Boy came out of a coma earlier this week And will soon be transferred to a rehabilitation Center. Police say he told them that his Father had -quote—"hurt" him.

Somerset Woman
Charged in Hubby
Attack

A Woman from Somerset County has been released from jail but still faces charges of stabbing her husband With kitchen knives. Connie Henry Is accused of aggravated assault, Harassment and stalking. Police Say her husband was injured on his Stomach and neck in the attack. Henry paid her bail and was released Until a hearing on September 15th. Police allege that Henry was drunk During the fight in the town of Friedens.

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Bedford Police
Investigate Death

Police in a Bedford County borough are planning a news conference tonight About the case of man whose body was Found at the bottom of a cliff. Searchers Found Albert Peck's body yesterday in Everett. Coroner Sam Gordon has not Ruled on the manner of death whether Accident, suicide or homicide. He says Injuries from a fall were the cause of death. Everett police have scheduled a news Conference for tonight. An Everett Police officer, Chris Simons, was following Peck in a car when Peck got out and ran. The man's mother, Judy Bollman, says She does not know why he would have Fled. She says Peck, who is 20 years old, Was arrested on underage drinking charges Two years ago.

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Drug Trial Ends with Witness In Jail	A woman testifying against an Altoona dealer is jailed and the man she testified against set free after a judge declares a mistrial Judge Hiram Carpenter halted testimony Yesterday in the trial of Kevin Thompkins After the defense complained that the Prosecution elicited improper testimony From an Altoona narcotics detective. The Detective told the jury that Lisa G. Whitehead Assisted the state Attorney General's office And the F-B-I in nabbing drug dealers In Altoona and Johnstown. Carpenter Said Young's testimony was improper Declared the mistrial, Whitehead, currently On probation for drug related charges Was arrested Monday for violating parole after failing to alert the Blair County parole and probation department when she moved to North Carolina.	6pm	9/13/00	1:00
Crime New Claims In Darlie Routier Case	An ex-detective says a bloody fingerprint left on Darlie Routier's coffee table doesn't match recently Found prints thought to be those of Slain five-year-old son. The former Altoona, Pa., woman is under a death Sentence in Texas for the slaying of her Son Damon. He and his six-year-old Brother Devon were stabbed to death at the Routiers' Rowlett home in June 1996. Her Defenders say the finding by Robert Lohnes Senior bolsters her account that an intruder Was present the June 1996 night the boys were Killed . But lead prosecutor Greg Davils tells The Dallas Morning News it's always been Clear that the bloody print wasn't left by Devon, Who didn't move after he was stabbed near the Table Davis says it may have been left by Damon, Who did move after being stabbed. Questions About the bloody print are the latest raised by Routier's appellate attorneys, who are seeking To overturn her death sentence.	6pm	9/01/00	1:20
Cambria woman Pleads in Embezzlement	A Cambria County woman pleaded guilty in federal court in Johnstown to stealing commercial deposits totaling over \$48,000. Assistant U.S. Attorney John J. Valkovci Jr. told The court Tuesday that Helen Karen Wilson, 53, of Upper Yoder Township,	5:30pm	8/30/00	:45

A former teller at PNC Bank in Johnstown Took \$48,709 in commercial deposits in August and September of last year. Valkovic Said, that on three occasions, Wilson took One a bag containing cash deposits from Sears and Toys R Us in Richland township Valkovci also said that Wilson repaid the money Tuesday.

Road Rage
Charged In
Clinton County

A Clinton County man is jailed after a 5:30pm 8/28/00 :45
rampage along several roads early Sunday morning. State police say they don't Know what led 37- year old William Brennen of Mill Hall to ram his car Into a Mill Hall man's car, tried to cause A collision and force the driver off the road

Bank Robber
On the Loose

Police in Altoona are searching for the man 6pm 8/15/00 1:00
who robbed a pharmacy at pharmacy at Gunpoint. Officers say an armed robber Walked out into a Pharmacy about 6:45 Monday night. The suspect demanded the Clerk hand over narcotics, specifically Asking for the drug oxycontin. The clerk Gave him about 4 bottles of the drug. Police Say the robber than walked out of store. The suspect is described as a white man, About 25-years old. He was wearing a dark-Colored ball cap, sunglasses and carrying A gray handgun.

Man Pleads
Guilty to Murder

Centre county's district attorney says a 5:30pm 8/14/00 :45
pending Pennsylvania supreme court case is a big factor in accepting a first degree murder plea. Heath Quick admits to shooting Oscar Camargo to death last September. In exchange for pleading guilty to murder, Quick will avoid the death penalty.

More Charges Filed
In Police Stand-off

A retired high school teacher faces more 6pm 8/02/00 1:00
than 50 additional charges for firing A 12-guage shotgun at troopers, their Police cruisers and neighbors' property In a 26-hour standoff. Daniel Edward Parsha, 66, was charged last week with Firing three shotgun blasts at three Troopers who burst into his Westmore-Land County home to subdue him after Tear gas and negotiations failed to make

Him surrender. A search warrant said Police seized the shotgun, a .22-caliber Rifle, 148 rounds of .22-caliber ammunition And 33 unfired shotgun shells from Parsha's Home. The standoff at the home in Seward, About 45 miles east of Pittsburgh, started the Morning of July 24 when constable Glenn Embree tried to serve him with an eviction Notice. Parsha claimed he was defending His home, but the dwelling was sold for Delinquent taxes last September for \$4,879.

Apparent Murder-Suicide in Blair County

Autopsies are scheduled to be performed 6pm this afternoon in the apparent murder-suicide of a Blair County couple The bodies of Max And Tracy Donaldson were found this Morning in their home on Agway Road in North Woodbury Twp. The discovery Came after a friend of the couple reportedly Told the police he suspected something might Have been wrong. Authorities say the couple Had two children, neither of whom were home At the time of the incident.

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Sheetz Robbery

A popular convenience store in Blair county was the target of a robber Earlier today. Altoona police are Looking for a white man who held up The sheetz store at 13th street and 14th Avenue at gunpoint just after one this Morning. Police say the man approached The clerk, He indicated that he had a Gun and demanded cash. The clerk Gave him some money, and the suspect Left the store than ran down the 14th Street. Police describe the gunman as About 30 years old, roughly 5'3 Inches tall and 135 pounds. He had Dark blond hair and a mustache-goatee. He was wearing a blue and white shirt And blue jeans. Anyone with information Is asked to call Altoona police at 949-2489.

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Cambria Authorities Search for Attacker

The state police in Cambria County are searching for a man who allegedly Lured a woman into a wooded area And attacked her. Police say the man

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Brought the woman into the isolated area

And pushed her to the ground. The man
Touched the woman and tried to take off her
Clothes. The woman escaped police describe
The white man as between 20 and 30 years
And with long brown hair. Police say he
Is between five-foot-five and five-foot-eight
And weighs about 180 pounds. Anyone with
Information should call the state police in
Ebensburg.

Ligonier Doctor
Tries to Quash
Evidence

A Westmoreland County doctor accused 11pm
suffocating his wife wants statements he made
to police barred from evidence. Attorneys
For Doctor Karl Long of Ligonier say the
Statements he made while being questioned
By authorities should not be evidence in
Long's first-degree murder case. Long faces
Homicide charges in connection with the death
Of his estranged wife in their home last
October. Long is in prison, waiting for the
Trial. Long was in court yesterday,
Fighting the possible evidence. Long says
He did not know that he was a suspect when
He waived his right to a lawyer and spoke
To police. Police say Long told them that
He fought with his wife and killed her in
Self-defense.

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Riot Defendants
Go to Court

Most of the 15 people charged in Sat. 5:30pm 7/19/00 1:00
night riot in State College face
Arraignment today on multiple charges
In a re-play of a 1998 riot, State troopers
And State College Police used riot gear
To break up a crowd of 2500 at the corner
Of Beaver Avenue and Locust Lane. Two
Police officers were injured in the riot
Which resulted in about ten thousand
Dollars in property damage. Ironically,
The riot took place just a day after
Penn State President Graham Spanier
Appeared on an NBC News special
To discuss steps the University is taking
To curtail alcohol abuse. Police say
Saturday's riot and one in 1998 were
Largely the result of excessive drinking
By students.

Riot in
Happy Valley

Early Sunday morning, police showed up 6pm
gear to control the second arts festival riot
In three years in state college. Officers

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Had to break up a crowd of several
 Thousand, and in some ways, what happened
 Was very similar to the arts festival riot two
 Years ago. It was in the exact location,
 But this time, the riot caused far less
 Property damage. Police say the biggest
 Similarity of the two riots was the drunken
 Crowd. There were several thousand people
 In the area along beaver avenue, known
 As beaver canyon downtown, immediately a
 The bars and taverns had closed. Many people
 Involved say they were just having a good time.
 But police say the situation steadily grew out
 Of control, and officers had no option but to
 Move in. With alcohol being a major factor,
 There are also new questions about Penn
 State's efforts to cut down on binge drinking
 The riot came just one day after Penn State
 President Graham Spanier and students
 Were featured in a NBC Prime time special
 Friday night on underage drinking. Spanier
 Leads a national crusade trying to provide
 Students with other alternatives to drinking
 And university officials say the latest riot
 Won't deter their efforts. Penn State will
 Conduct its own investigation of the students
 Involved in the riot. They could be expelled
 Or suspended by Penn State. Police arrested
 15 people altogether.

Maximum
 Sentence for
 Murder

This morning, a Clearfield County Judge 6pm 7/19/00 1:00
 handed down the maximum sentence to a
 Reynoldsville man convicted of third-
 Degree murder. In June, a jury found
 Dwayne Schweiger guilty of the 1998
 Beating death of John Panighetti. This
 Morning the victim's family asked that
 Schweiger receive the maximum sentence
 To 20 to 40 years in prison, but relatives
 Say it's a hollow victory. Schweiger's
 Attorney tells newscenter six the sentencing
 May be over, but now its time for appeals.
 Buckley maintains Schweiger was a victim
 Circumstance.

A Step
 Closer in
 Murder Case

Police search for a suspect in the murder 5:30pm 7/14/00 :45
 of an Altoona man. Someone stabbed John
 Eichelberger the fourth in the neck on
 6th Avenue in Altoona. Witnesses told
 police the 43—year-old staggered to a

nearby house for help. He later died from his injuries. Today, police found the victims's car and are looking for more clues linked to his murder. Eichelberger worked as a plant supervisor at Lakemont Park in Blair county.

Deadly
Stabbing

Police in Blair County are investigating 11pm death of a man who was stabbed last night. Witnesses say his throat was cut. It happened At third street and 6th avenue in Altoona They searched for clues where the murder Took place and talked to neighbors who Tried to help the man until officers arrived Witnesses told police they believe the man Was slashed in an alley, then he staggered Across the street to a front porch. The owner Of the house says at first she thought the Victim was a robber. She then noticed that He was covered in blood. To no surprise This man's murder has the community on edge.

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1:00

Police look
For robber

Police in Bedford are looking for a man 6pm robbed a Bedford woman at knifepoint late Last night. The woman drove up to the First American National Bank's night Deposit box on Pitt street to make a Deposit about 10pm. As she stopped The car, the robber opened the drivers-Side door and demanded money The Suspect had a knife but did not threaten the woman with it. Police say the man took the deposit bag and ran. Bedford state police are looking for a white man of medium height and a thin build he was wearing a dark long-sleeved shirt, pants and shoes. If you have any information, please call Bedford state police.

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Ohio Man
Guilty of
Terrorizing
Elderly Couple

An Ohio man was found guilty on 20 counts in Cambria County court for terrorizing an elderly couple during a robbery attempt at their home. 41-Year old Todd Eliason now faces up To 50 years in prison when he's Sentenced next month. Eliason was Found guilty of holding the Stonycreek Township couple hostage, binding Hem with duct tape and threatening

5:30pm

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1:00

To shoot and burn them. If he did not
Get what he wanted. Prosecutors say
Eliason mistakenly thought the elderly
Man had a valuable coin collection
In the house. Both victims expressed

Community Pride/Quality Of Life	Pa Apple Crop Down	Pennsylvania apple farmers are dealing 6pm with a double-whammy during their late Summer harvest-a slightly smaller crop And higher labor costs because of a Shortage of workers. But some farmers Say the shiny, plump apples they're Picking compensate for a dip in Production. The state should produce 10 million bushels of apples this year, down 17 percent from last year's harvest of 12 million, said Robert Crassweller, a fruit tree expert at Penn State University agriculture school. Pennsylvania has the nation's fifth-largest apple crop behind Washington, New York, Michigan and California.	9/12/00	1:00
	Anti-Gun Group Critical of Pennsylvania	An Annual report card issued by national 5pm gun control group gives Pennsylvania poor marks for its effort to protect children from guns. Pennsylvania received A grade of D plus from the group, Handgun Control, which is chaired By Sarah Brady. Sarah Brady is the Wife of former White House press Secretary James Brady, who was Wounded and paralyzed in the nineteen-eighty One assassination attempt on President Reagan. Pennsylvania earned the poor grade In part because it passed legislation Preventing the state from suing gun Manufacturers. The state also lacks a law Holding adult gun owners responsible For crimes committed by children with the Adults' guns.	8/30/00	:45
Community Pride/Quality Of Life	Sales At AG-Progress Days Event	In Centre county, it's AG-Progress days 11pm once again. The event represents the largest outdoor farm and agricultural	8/15/00	2:00

Exhibition in the northeastern part of Country. In all, more than five hundred Acres of exhibits, demonstrations, and Farm products are displayed for Thousands of folks to check out. It Was back in 1951 when Penn State first Held what they called grassland field Days. At that time, it just focused on Grass crop production. Now almost Fifty years later, it's grown into AG-Progress Days. The three day event Here at rock springs will draw close To 80-thousand visitors, and participants Continue to make changes. In fact, One is having a big impact on the vendors Here. For years the exhibitors couldn't Make direct sales. They could take Orders from customers, but that was it. This year, vendors and customers can now Make cash transactions. With the new Policy, AG progress days is simply more Than a series of exhibits, plus the vendors Can more easily recoup some of the money They spend to come there. The AG-progress Days will go on throughout this week.

Two Many
Fleas

A small Cambria County Community 6pm battles a nasty problem. People living There say millions of fleas have infested A neighborhood in dale borough near Johnstown. Neighbors say it's so bad They can't even walk outside without Having to scrape fleas off their legs. Those living along the 600 block of Bedford Street and borough officials Blame a neighbor who they claim has Up to 9 dogs. The woman who lives In the house in question says she Only as 7 dogs and flatly denies a flea Problem. We did talk with Dale borough's mayor Doris Lichtenfield. She says they've had two animal control Officers at the house. They also believe This is where the problem lies.

8/14/00 1:00

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Deadly Crash
On I-80 Centre
County

Four people died in an early-morning crash Wednesday on Interstate 80 In Centre County. State police said A tractor-trailer hit a van, pushing it

5:30pm 8/03/00 :45

Into a camera being towed by a Pickup truck and sandwiching the Van, Centre County Coroner Scott Sayers said. The collision started a Fire hat destroyed both tractor-trailer And van. Autopsies were underway To determine whether the four people In the van died in the crash or the fire That occurred at about 4:25 a.m. in Rush Township, authorities said. The names of the victims were not re Released.

Twister
Confirmed
In Somerset
County

Forecasters have verified homeowners' 6pm 8/02/00 1:00 reports that a low-grade tornado touched Down in Somerset County. People living Near Meyersdale had reported seeing Funnel clouds on Monday afternoon The National Weather Service said Tuesday that the area had experienced a Tornado with 60 mph winds. No One was injured, and a mobile home Was bumped from its foundation. Tree Damage covers an area 100 yards wide And one mile long, said Rick Lohr, The county's emergency management Director. The tornado was classified As the least powerful type of twister. "We heard what sounded like a truck," said Jim Stutzman of Meyersdale. "We looked up on the hill, and that's when you could see the tops of the trees swirling." He and his family took shelter in a Potato storage cave. They survived a 1998 tornado that caused more extensive damage. "When you hear the roar, you don't forget it." Stutzman said.

PA Gas Price
Remain High

Community
Pride/Quality
Life

Tuesday's average price for unleaded 5:30pm 8/02/00 :45 gasoline in Pennsylvania was \$1.55 A gallon, according to American Automobile Association figures. But depending on What region you're in, the average price Can range from as low as \$1.39 to as high As \$1.66. It all, reportedly, depends on Local competition and sales volume. Triple-A says Berks County has the lowest prices In Pennsylvania due in part to the arrival Of Sheetz, an Altoona based convenience

Store chain that features rock-bottom gas
Prices.

Dogs Left
Abandoned
In Somerset

Someone abandoned two live dogs
and six dead ones in the driveway
at a Somerset County house. The
Dogs were mixed-breed terrier-
Dachsunds. The dead ones appeared
To have been dead for one or two days
When they were left on Monday night
Said Tim Humbert, who lives in the
House in Somerset. "It appears they
Were thrown from a vehicle as it
Drove past," Humbert said. One of
The dogs was still outdoors Wednesday
And resisted anyone who tried to
Help it. The other was treated by
A veterinarian for mange. The dogs
Appeared to have been starved.
Humbert said Wednesday.

6pm 7/20/00 :45

Billboard
Prompts Call
For Zoning
Law

It is safe say Chris Serre has no
use for billboard. A lack of
zoning laws in Cambria County
has left her with a 50-foot
Billboard less than 50 feet
From her home. A sign, which
Has since been removed, said
"honk if you love skiing."
People would honk their car
Horns in response day and
Night. Serre is calling for a public
Hearing to discuss the need for zoning
Laws in her community

5:30pm 7/19/00 :45

All Charges
Dropped against
Protestors

A good day for the protestors arrested
during last weeks national governors
conference in State College. All
Charges were dropped against
All the protestors. The group arrested
Were against the death penalty where
Protestors chained themselves together
Near the governors meeting entrance. The
Group included several members of the
Clergy. Later in the week a smaller group.
Of protestors were charged with hanging
Banners and trying to disrupt another
Governors meeting. Today, after court
Conference, it was decided to dismiss all
Charges.

11pm 7/19/00 :45

Arts Festival Wrap-up	Police were able to keep the rioters away 6pm from the nearby central Pennsylvania Festival of the arts in downtown State College. The festival wrapped up last Night. Today, as crews were tearing Down, you could find some good bargains On house plants. Many of the plants and Shrubs that decorated Allen street during The festival were put on sale. The festival Crowd estimates were down a little this Year, but well over one hundred thousand People were on hand for the five day event.	7/17/00	:45
Growing Greener At State Park	A new state program will help to spruce 5:30pm up and area park. As part of the "Growing Greener" program, shawnee state park In Bedford county has received over a Million dollars, which goes towards work Currently underway on two bridges being Replaced. The park's dam is also Getting some work done to ensure it will Be around years to come. Some of the Funding will be spent on repaving roads, Improving cabins and creating better Walking trails. Park manager Bob Bromley Says the money is long overdue.	7/17/00	:45
Central Pennsylvania Arts Festival	This is a big weekend in State College. 6pm The central Pennsylvania Arts Festival held there brings in thousands of people. And like any good festival, the arts festival Has its share of great places to get some- Thing to eat, including a gourmet spot Operated by a very active senior citizen They simply call him uncle Charlie The 86-year-old owner of Chesapeake. Diversified foods mixes what he calls The best lemonade in the country. It Goes well with the other menu items Like London Broil, crab cakes and Steamed shrimp. Festival goers can Find anything from great food, fun, and Of course art going on through Sunday.	7/14/00	1:00
Calling Future Homeowners	Cambria County's Habitat for humanity 6/pm in search of homeowners. The volunteer Housing ministry is currently working on Several houses. Tonight, the selection Committee will hold a workshop to let	7/13/00	:45

People know if they qualify, and it will help
 Out those who want to apply. It's free, and
 If you're interested, tonight's workshop
 Is at the Cooper avenue Methodist Church.

Cambria County
 Airport To Get
 Safety Upgrade

Uncle Sam's come through with money 5:30pm 7/08/00 :45
 to help Cambria County airport keep
 deer off the runway and make other safety
 Improvements. Airport Manager Joe
 McKelvey says 1.1 million dollars in
 Federal funds will pay for the completion
 Of a fence around the airport as well as
 improvements to the runway system.
 Deer have been a consistent problem at
 The airport with planes running into
 Deer on two occasions two years ago.

Health & Dems Tout
Health Related Prescription
 Drug Plan

Calling a Republican plan to expand 5pm 9/21/00 1:00
 the state's prescription-drug program
 election year gimmickry, House
 Democrats touted their own, more
 Generous alternative today. The
 Democrats vow to force a vote on
 The plan when lawmakers reconvene
 Next week. Technically, the
 Republicans will no longer be in
 The majority when the General
 Assembly resumes Monday. The
 Resignation of Representative
 Thomas Druce, a Bucks Republican
 Who recently pleaded guilty in a fatal
 Hit-and run, leaves the parties with
 100 seats each. Both the Democratic
 and GOP prescription-drug plans rely
 heavily on money from Pennsylvania
 share of the national tobacco settlement
 Governor Tom Ridge's spokesman says
 His boss has serious reservations about
 Taking that approach to the problem
 Of soaring prescription drug costs.

Expect Delays
 For Flue Shots

Some hospitals and clinics will delay 5pm 9/21/00 :45
 the start of flu shot programs, which
 Usually begin in late September and
 Early October, because of problems
 Getting the vaccine. Manufacture
 And shipping of the vaccine has been
 Delayed because one of the three
 Virus components has not grown well.

Health & Health Related	Indiana County Senator Recovering	State Senator Patrick Stapleton is in is in stable condition in a Pittsburgh hospital two days after undergoing quadruple bypass hear surgery. The 76 Year old Stapleton has been hospitalized Since an August 15 th appointment for Kidney dialysis. Stapleton has said He will retire at the end of the year.	5pm	8/30/00	:45
	First Health Laser Surgery	Lasers are commonly used for Heart surgery and to correct eyesight, but But now they're helping burn victims Severe second and third degree burns Usually have dead skin that must be Removed immediately in order to To avoid infections. Usually, doctors Use a scalpel, but the procedure is Lengthy and causes a lot of bleeding Laser Beams can be used to vaporize Skin immediately. They do not create Bleeding and doctors say they do a Better job of taking off the old skin Without putting the patient into shock.	5pm	7/17/00	:45
	Breast Cancer Vaccine	North Carolina Researchers are testing a new breast cancer vaccine. Doctors at the University of North Carolina are Conducting a clinical trial on a vaccine To fight Meta-static breast cancer. The two year study will test genetically Engineered protein fragments designed To stimulate the immune system to Recognize and kill cancer cells, and stop Tumor growth. If the trials are successful, The vaccine would become the first to Treat breast cancer. A similar cancer cell Killing vaccine exists for patients with Some forms of advanced skin cancer. The vaccine being tested is only for Patients with a particular form of advanced Breast disease which occurs in only about a Third of cases.	5pm	7/21/00	1:00
	HMO Coverage Dropped	Centre county commissioners are among those who want a better explanation. As Thousands of senior citizens suddenly Find out their HMO coverage will be Dropped at the end of the year. Geisinger	5pm	7/19/00	1:00

Health systems is dropping its HMO Gold Plan for seniors in seven counties in centre county alone. The HMO Plan includes more than thousand Clients. Geisinger claims it's due to Declining Federal Medicare Reimbursements. The commissioners Say they need a better reason than that.

Education/ Child Violence	PSU Student To Face Charges In Assault Spree	A Penn State University student has been ordered to stand trial on charges that he sexually assaulted several women at a coed dorm. Hung Truong was ordered To stand trial after 15 women testified Than he walked into their closed dorm Rooms and groped five of them at At Snyder Hall on September 11 th . District Justice Daniel Hoffman bound Truong over for trial on several charges Felony burglary and harassment. Truong, Who is 21, remains in Centre County Prison in lieu of 50-thousand dollars Bail. District Attorney Ray Grisar says He will seek imprisonment in the In the case. Several witnesses say Truong appeared to be intoxicated At the time.	5:30pm	9/22/00	1:00
Education/ Child Violence	Punxsy Teachers Return to Classroom	Striking teachers in the Punxsutawney School District say they will return to class today without a contract because they do not want to penalize students Who stood to lose vacations days due To the strike. The decision ends the 16 Day strike. Under state law, students Must attend 180 days of classes by June 15th, 2001.	6pm	9/21/00	1:00
	New Tuition Help For Pa Parents	Pennsylvania will improve its prepaid college tuition plan on Monday answering those who have criticized its restrictions and conservative Performance. "Pennsylvania has a Lousy plan." Said Stuart Siegel, an Erie financial planner. "You would Want to go (to college) out of state State officials say the revamped plan Will change that picture and a new Savings program will allow those	6pm	8/21/00	:45

Willing to accept greater risks to
Put more of their money into the stock
Market.

Rioters Cry Unfair Treatment	Some Penn State Students say the the university is playing favorites with it's starting quarterback Rashard Casey. The students were Arrested in last month's state college Riot are making that charge.. The claim Casey is getting preferential treatment The complaints stem from Penn State's Judicial department treatment of those Who face criminal charges. The University acts separately from Whatever goes on in a criminal court, And students can face anything from Little or no penalty to being expelled. The question of unfair treatment comes Up because Casey was arrested back in May, and he's still a student. Penn State says it is two separate cases. A Grand jury hearing for Casey isn't Expected until October or November At the earliest.	5:30pm	8/14/00	1:00
Education/ Child Violence				
Somerset Teen Admits School Incident	A former high school student has pleaded guilty to institutional vandalism in an incident in which a small fire was started in a busy school hallway. Paul Vernon Hubans, 19, pleaded guilty to the charge of institutional vandalism. Which Carries a maximum sentence of two years in Jail and a \$5,000 fine. He is to be sentenced in Early October. Hubans was arrested March 8 After state police say he tossed a lit match Into a locker filled with paper products As classes were changing at Shanksville- Stonycreek High School.	5:30pm	8/03/00	1:00
Junior Rangers	A group of junior rangers climbed on bikes this afternoon and took to the woods. These kid bikers are taking part in a week Long summer program where they're Learning all about nature. More than 20 Of them pedaled twelve miles through the Woods, making their way through mud Puddles and all. The junior ranger program Is sponsored by Cambria County's	5:30pm	7/14/00	:45

Stackhouse park.

Guidance Counselor Guilty	A former high school guidance counselor pleaded guilty today of selling drugs. Twenty nine year old Megan Williams Of Bedford admitted to selling crack Cocaine to an undercover police officer Last summer. She was charged with One count of conspiracy to deliver and Three counts of possession. She'll Remain on probation until her sentencing In September. Williams was a counselor With the Tussey Mountain School District. She resigned following her arrest.	6pm	7/14/00	45
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